



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
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Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19312

**Proposed No.** 2021-0211.1

**Sponsors** Dembowski and Zahilay

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the alignment and station  
2 locations of, and meeting federal assistance conditions for,  
3 RapidRide J Line.

4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

5 1. Via Ordinance 18449, enacted February 1, 2017, the King County  
6 council adopted and executive signed King County Metro's long-range  
7 transit service and capital plan, METRO CONNECTS, which identifies an  
8 expanded network of future RapidRide lines for implementation, including  
9 RapidRide J Line, connecting Downtown Seattle with the neighborhoods  
10 of Belltown, South Lake Union, Eastlake, University District and  
11 Roosevelt.

12 2. Via Ordinance 18301, enacted June 16, 2016, the council approved the  
13 2015 update to Metro's Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021  
14 and associated Service Guidelines. The plan describes current and future  
15 planning work required to implement additional RapidRide bus rapid  
16 transit service in King County.

17 3. Via Ordinance 18409, enacted November 17, 2016, the council adopted  
18 and the executive signed the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget, which included  
19 Section 132, Provisos P4 and P5, requiring the executive to submit reports

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20 describing the process for implementing new RapidRide lines.

21 4. Via Motion 14956, passed September 18, 2017, the council approved a  
22 report on the implementation of new RapidRide lines as required by  
23 Ordinance 18409, Section 132, Proviso P5, titled Implementation of New  
24 RapidRide Lines/METRO CONNECTS RapidRide Expansion, which  
25 identifies RapidRide J Line as one of the next generation RapidRide lines  
26 to be implemented, expanding service for the corridor over that of current  
27 local Route 70 which J Line would replace.

28 5. Via the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 18835,  
29 enacted November 14, 2018, the council adopted and the executive signed  
30 the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget, including capital project 1132327 to  
31 implement RapidRide J Line, named TDC Roosevelt RR.

32 6. As documented in the RapidRide J Line Alignment Public Engagement  
33 Summary, starting in 2014, the Metro transit department and the Seattle  
34 Department of Transportation ("SDOT") conducted public engagement  
35 concerning the proposed alignment and station locations for RapidRide J  
36 Line in the neighborhoods in which it will operate, including Downtown  
37 Seattle, Belltown, South Lake Union, Eastlake, University District and  
38 Roosevelt. In coordination with the Metro transit department, SDOT as  
39 the lead agency conducted several rounds of public engagement regarding  
40 station locations and proposed right of way improvements, street and  
41 facility design and proposed transit priority treatments, consistent with bus  
42 rapid transit concepts.

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43 7. As approved in the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance  
44 19210, the Metro transit department has canceled all of its capital  
45 contribution to the RapidRide J Line project, except for approximately  
46 \$2.5 million in Metro transit department staff time charged to the  
47 RapidRide Program Management project, resulting in the city of Seattle's  
48 ability to fund a Minimum Operable Segment of the capital project only as  
49 far north as University District. That action removed the Roosevelt  
50 neighborhood from project scope yet retained the Metro transit  
51 department's plan to fund start of operations in 2026, once construction is  
52 completed.

53 8. Project partner, the city of Seattle, is pursuing substantial funding for  
54 RapidRide J Line through a Federal Transit Administration Small Starts  
55 grant. The grant is governed by the New Starts Congressional Handbook,  
56 June 2009, which defines Minimum Operable Segment ("MOS") as, "The  
57 purpose of selecting the MOS is to identify a segment of a Locally  
58 Preferred Alternative that provides the most cost-effective solution with  
59 the greatest benefits for the project. The MOS must be able to function as  
60 a stand-alone project and not be dependent on any future segments being  
61 constructed."

62 9. The report required by Ordinance 18409, Section 132, Proviso P5,  
63 states that specific routing shall be determined by the council and be  
64 consistent with the corridor descriptions in the report.

65 10. RapidRide J Line will compete to receive grant funding from the

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66 Federal Transit Administration's Small Starts grant program, with the goal  
67 of entering into a Small Starts grant agreement.

68 11. The Federal Transit Administration requires that Small Starts grant-  
69 funded projects operate transit service at the level specified in the grant  
70 agreement for a defined period of performance. The period of  
71 performance for those service level commitments is at the discretion of the  
72 Federal Transit Administration and is a prescribed condition of receiving  
73 federal financial assistance.

74 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

75 SECTION 1. The RapidRide J Line alignment, including general station  
76 locations, substantially as set forth in Attachment A to this ordinance, and including U  
77 District Link light rail station as the north terminus, is hereby approved in order to allow  
78 design and construction of RapidRide infrastructure and facilities design and construction  
79 to proceed.

80 SECTION 2. Before the implementation of RapidRide J Line service, the  
81 executive shall notify the King County council and the city of Seattle of any substantial  
82 changes to station locations. The notice to the council shall be filed in the form of a  
83 paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the  
84 original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers. Following the  
85 implementation of RapidRide J Line service, the Metro transit department shall consult  
86 with the city of Seattle before making any changes to the routing or station locations.

87 SECTION 3. Before the start of RapidRide J Line service, the executive shall  
88 transmit to the council a service change ordinance in accordance with K.C.C. 28.94.020

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89 that identifies hours of operation and service levels by period of the day.

90           SECTION 4. For the purpose of securing federal financial assistance for the  
91 development and implementation of RapidRide J Line capital projects, the executive or  
92 designee is authorized to enter into a RapidRide J Line project agreement that includes  
93 defined service level commitments as a prescribed condition of receiving federal moneys,  
94 but only if the following conditions are met:

95           A. The contractual service commitment does not exceed the period of  
96 performance specified in the federal grant agreement; and

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97           B. The contractual service commitment does not exceed five years from the  
98 opening of revenue service.  
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Ordinance 19312 was introduced on 6/15/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/6/2021, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay


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**Attachments:** A. RapidRide J Line Station Locations

## RapidRide J Line

RapidRide J Line will provide fast, frequent, reliable, and safe public transportation between Downtown Seattle and the Belltown, South Lake Union, Eastlake, and University District neighborhoods.

### Station Locations

#### Inbound / Southbound

Beginning in the U District neighborhood, stations will be located at the following intersections in the inbound/southbound direction. There will be a total of 17 inbound/southbound stations, as follows:

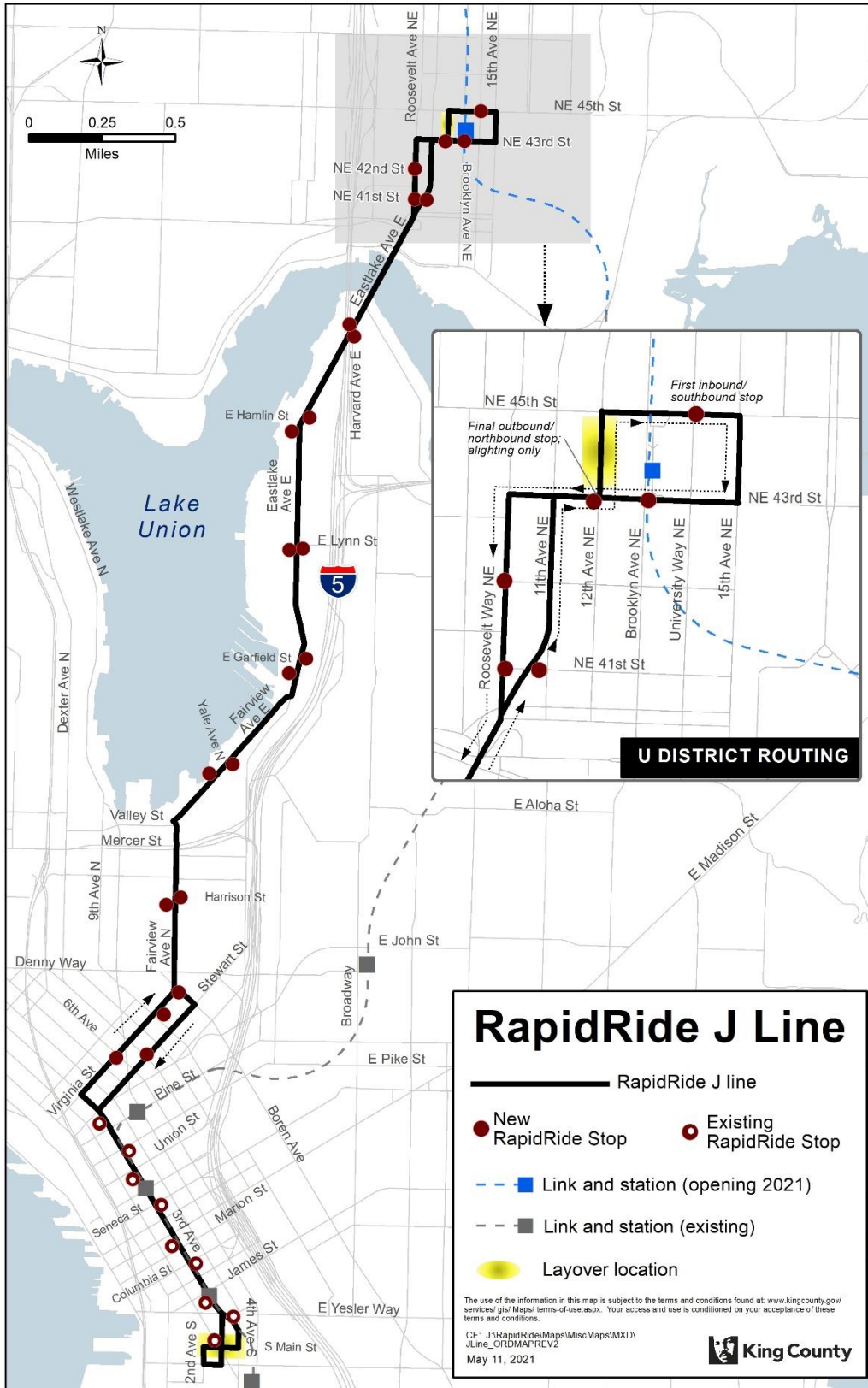
- NE 45<sup>th</sup> St & University Way NE
- NE 43<sup>rd</sup> St & Brooklyn Ave NE
- Roosevelt Way NE & NE 42<sup>nd</sup> St
- Roosevelt Way NE & NE 41<sup>st</sup> St
- Eastlake Ave E & Harvard Ave E
- Eastlake Ave E & E Hamlin St
- Eastlake Ave E & E Lynn St
- Eastlake Ave E & E Garfield St
- Fairview Ave N & Yale Ave N
- Fairview Ave N & Harrison St
- Boren Ave & Virginia St
- Stewart St & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Pine St
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Union St
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Marion St
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & James St
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S & S Main St

## **Outbound / Northbound**

Beginning in Downtown Seattle, stations will be located at the following intersections in the outbound/northbound direction. There will be a total of 14 outbound/northbound stations, as follows:

- Prefontaine Pl S & Yesler Way
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Columbia St
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Seneca St
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & Pike St
- Virginia St & 6<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Virginia St & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Fairview Ave N & Harrison St
- Fairview Ave N & Yale Ave N
- Eastlake Ave E & E Garfield St
- Eastlake Ave E & E Lynn St
- Eastlake Ave E & E Hamlin St
- Eastlake Ave E & Harvard Ave E
- Eastlake Ave NE & NE 41<sup>st</sup> St
- NE 43<sup>rd</sup> St & 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE





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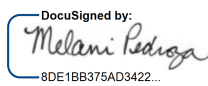
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